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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR JOINT SEMINAR ON URBAN AREAS AND
US/UK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON HOUSING

1. JOHN ZETTER, WHO HAS TAKEN OVER THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNING INTELLIGENCE OFFICE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (DOE) FROM RUTH LONGWORTH, HAS WRITTEN EMBASSY ASKING OUR ADVICE. IT IS HIS OFFICE WHICH COORDINATES DOE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS. DOE IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING SMALL ANGLO/AMERICAN SEMINAR ON "INNER AREAS."

2. "INNER AREAS" ARE CURRENTLY ONE OF PRINCIPAL SOCIAL POLICY CONCERNS IN UK. WHILE ATTENTION IS PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON OLDER, MAINLY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS CLOSE TO CENTER CITY, IT IS RECOGNIZED BY DOE THAT FUTURE OF THESE AREAS RAISES WIDER CONSIDERATIONS OF URBAN AND REGIONAL STRUCTURE WHICH REACH BEYOND BORDERS OF THE INNER CITY. RECENT PUBLICATION OF A SERIES OF BRITISH CONSULTANCY STUDIES HAS GIVEN DEBATE ON THIS TOPIC FIRMER ANALYTICAL BASIS AND NEW IMPETUS.

3. ZETTER HAS IN MIND MEETING OF APPROXIMATELY SIX PAR-
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TICIPANTS FROM EACH SIDE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH FOUNDATIONS INCLUDED AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IF HUD IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A SEMINAR, ZETTER WILL PROCEED TO DEVELOP FIRM PROPOSAL. THE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED URBAN STUDIES IN BRISTOL RECENTLY HOSTED A SUNDAY TIMES-SPONSORED MEETING ON INNER AREAS AND ZETTER FEELS THIS

COULD BE A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE SEMINAR. THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IS WORKING ON A PILOT STUDY ON INNER AREAS IN THE US, UK AND FRG WHICH MAY, ACCORDING TO ZETTER, SUGGEST THE USEFULNESS OF INCLUDING FRG EXPERTS IN SEMINAR. PLEASE ADVISE INITIAL HUD REACTION ASAP.

4. ZETTER ALSO MENTIONED THE DOE/HUD MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH EXPIRED DECEMBER 31, 1976. HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT HIS INTENTION TO LINK THE MOU WITH THE SEMINAR PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, DOE DID FIND THE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT TO BE AN EXCELLENT TOOL FOR PROMOTING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT RENEWED. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SEMINAR MIGHT PROVIDE "A SUITABLE PEG ON WHICH TO HANG DISCUSSIONS" ABOUT ITS RENEWAL. PLEASE ADVISE HUD VIEWS ON POSSIBLE RENEWAL DOE/HUD MOU.

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